

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously presented) A device comprising:
 unauthorized separation detection means arranged to detect release of a releasable connector connecting the device to a person; and
 control means arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the device in response to the release of the releasable connector.
41. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connector comprises a strap.
42. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the releasable connector is released by severance.
43. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the unauthorized separation detection means detects the interruption of a closed conductive path via the releasable connector.
44. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the device comprises a cellular radio transceiver.
45. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 44, wherein the control means is arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the at least partial disablement of the portable device.
46. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 40, wherein the device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone for operation in a cellular communications network and the control means is arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the device by sending a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.

47. (Previously presented) A cellular telephone network comprising a device as claimed in claim 46 wherein the mobile telephone comprises a handset and a replaceable card, which enables the handset to operate as a telephone in the network, and the network is responsive to the disabling message sent by the mobile telephone to disable the card from normal use in the network and/or to disable the handset from normal use in the network.
48. (Previously presented) A device, comprising:
a releasable connector arranged to connect the device to a person and arranged to release the connection of the device to the person if the device is grabbed while connected to the person;
and
a controller arranged to effect at least partial disablement of the device in response to the release of the releasable connector.
49. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector comprises a strap.
50. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the releasable connector is released by severance.
51. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 64, wherein the detector is arranged to detect the interruption of a closed conductive path via the releasable connector.
52. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, further comprising a radio transmitter wherein the controller is arranged to control the radio transmitter to send a message in response to the release of the releasable connector.
53. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, wherein the device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone having a radio transmitter for operation in a cellular communications network and the controller is arranged to control the radio transmitter to send a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.

54. (Previously presented) A device comprising:
a detector arranged to detect the unauthorized separation of the device from a counterpart device worn by a person by detecting the diminution of a radio link between the device and the counterpart device;
a controller arranged to effect partial disablement of the device in response to the unauthorized separation of the device and the counterpart device.
55. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the device comprises a cellular radio transceiver.
56. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 55, wherein the controller is arranged to effect partial disablement of the device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the partial disablement of the portable device.
57. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the device is a mobile telephone comprising a handset and a replaceable card and the controller is arranged to effect partial disablement of the mobile telephone by locking the handset to the replaceable card.
58. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 54 wherein the device is or comprises a cellular mobile telephone for operation in a cellular communications network and the controller is arranged to effect partial disablement of the device by sending a disabling message to the cellular communications network instructing the cellular communications network to disable normal operation of the telephone in the cellular communications network.
59. (Previously presented) A device wearable by a person comprising:
a detector arranged to detect the unauthorized separation of the device from a counterpart device by detecting the diminution of a radio link between the device and the counterpart device; and
a controller arranged to effect partial disablement of the counterpart device in response to the unauthorized separation of the device and counterpart device, by controlling a transceiver to transmit a radio command to the counterpart device.

60. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device comprises a cellular radio transceiver or mobile telephone.
61. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 60, wherein the counterpart device comprises a controller arranged to effect partial disablement of the counterpart device by controlling the cellular radio transceiver to transmit a disable message instructing the at least partial disablement of the counterpart device.
62. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device is a mobile telephone comprising a handset, a replaceable card and a controller wherein the controller is arranged to effect partial disablement of the mobile telephone by locking the handset to the replaceable card.
63. (Previously presented) A device, comprising:
unauthorized removal means arranged to detect the unauthorized removal of the device from a person porting the device; and
control means arranged to effect partial disablement of the device in response to the unauthorized removal of the device from the person porting the device.
64. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 48, further comprising a detector for detecting the release of the releasable connector from the device.
65. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 54, wherein the device is a mobile telephone that is operable to make emergency calls when it is partially disabled.
66. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein the counterpart device is a mobile telephone that is operable to make emergency calls when it is partially disabled.
67. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 54, wherein when the device is partially disabled, it is only capable of restricted use.
68. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 59, wherein when the counterpart device is partially disabled, it is only capable of restricted use.